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old. He's 6 feet, some inches tall, weighs 300 pounds, played a very important role on Nebraska's football team as a freshman. His father is 81 years old. He lives in a little town in Utah and his father, in addition to being 81, is ailing. The young man told the university and Coach Solich that he was going to leave UNL so that he could be closer to his father; that he would do anything for his family. If Solich is allowed to hold him to this so-called scholarship, which I call a contract of indenture, the young man can enter another school out there in Utah, but he cannot get financial aid. He's married. If Solich releases him, he can enter a school, receive financial aid. Other coaches can talk to him out there. These young players, as I've said in the past, are exploited by UNL and every other football factory. The football program wags the dog. The university is an adjunct to the universe...to...to the football program. A few months ago, I had to intercede on behalf of a young basketball player whose mother, I think it was, had pancreatic cancer in California. The basketball coach made it clear, he was adamant, he would not release this young man from his contract of indenture, so I had to intervene. I talked to former Senator Ron Withem, who talked to the people at the university, and it was arranged to let this young man go. I think of the song by Diana Ross and the Supremes, which I will not sing, "set me free, why don't you, Babe? Get out of my life." Why will they not set him free? Because they want to punish him. I'm going to do something that I've done on occasions before. I'm going to read from the scriptures. I believe the Old Testament is considered a part of the scriptures. In Exodus, 20, chapter...chapter 20, verse 12, this is what is written: "Honor thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord, thy God, giveth thee." That is known, brothers and sisters, as the Fourth Commandment. A young man wants to honor his father and your university is going to punish him. You have allowed this coach to assume the status of a god. He feels like Kenneth Lay, the former Chairman of Enron, that he does not have to talk, he does not have to comment, he is accountable to nobody. Well, he is accountable, he is going to comment, and I'm going to smoke him out. I read in the paper all this religious mumbo jumbo at that university. Ron Brown, the one who recruited this young man, his name is Manaia Brown, no relationship, and Ron Brown is the